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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TOSECSTATE INFO KATHMANDU APR 18, 1973
FROM BEIRUT REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE S E C R E T BEIRUT 4499

FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: ASEC, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: THREATS AGAINST EMBASSY BEIRUT AND PERSONNEL

REF: STATE 71824

1. REFERENCED INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENT PROBABLY TRUE.
2. ASSORTED BITS OF EVIDENCE WOULD INDICATE CHANCERY HAS BEEN UNDER SPORADIC FEDAYEEN SURVEILLANCE SINCE ISRAELI RAID.
3. FBI AGENT ASSIGNED HERE REPORTS INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT HIM AT HIS APARTMENT BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS. HE HAS MOVED FAMILY TO HOTEL.
4. FAMILIES OF RSO ROCHE AND GUNNERY SERGEANT WHO HAD RESIDED IN CHANCERY HAVE BEEN MOVED TO PRIVATE QUARTERS.

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5. WE ARE TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT AVOIDING
MOVEMENT OF EMBASSY VEHICLES WITH WHITE CD PLATES,
HAVING INSTALLED BLACK CIVILIAN PLATES ON SEVERAL SUCH
VEHICLES AND HAVE REQUESTED 25 ADDITIONAL SETS FROM
GOL TO PROVIDE FURTHER COVER OF OUR MOVEMENTS.

6. MOST RECENT DEFENSIVE MEASURES ADOPTED
FOR CONDUCT OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND FOR DEPENDENTS
CONTAINED IN BEIRUT TEL 4449.

7. GOL CONTINUES COOPERATE FULLY IN PROVIDING EXTRA
PROTECTION. ARMORED CARS STATIONED ON BOTH SIDES OF
CORNICHE OUTSIDE EMBASSY. ROAD BLOCKS ARE MANNED
BY ARMY WHO SCREEN PASSING VEHICLES. NAVAL CRAFT PATROLLING
SEA IN FRONT OF EMBASSY AT NIGHT. ARMY PERSONNEL STILL
MAN SURROUNDING ROOFTOPS.

8. AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE 10 SOLDIERS WERE LAST
NIGHT ADDED TO 12 - MAN GENDARMERIE SECURITY FORCES
PERMITTING WIDER PERIMETER PATROLLING AGAINST POSSIBLE
ROCKET ATTACK.

9. AGAIN URGE TEMPORARY CANCELLATION OF NON- ESSENTIAL OFFICIAL
TRAVEL TO BEIRUT.

10. WE HAVE IN SEPTTEL RECOMMENDED CANCELLATION NEXT
WEEK'S MATS FLIGHT.
BUFFUM UNQUOTE ROGERS

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